# FISCAL MEMORANDUM

# HB 3272 – SB 3155

April 23, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015954):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to establish, beginning in the 2012-2013 academic year, a four-year pilot program in the school system with the most schools operated by the state's Achievement School District (ASD) for the assessment of kindergarten students. Directs that the students entering kindergarten in these schools be tested using a standardized test or tests. Requires the test to measure the students' current education level so that instruction can be targeted to meet the needs of the students and eliminate disparities in learning backgrounds.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

    Increase State Expenditures - $22,000/FY12-13
                                     $22,000/FY13-14 and Subsequent Fiscal Years

## FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

    **Increase State Expenditures - $3,800/FY12-13**
                                       **$11,300/FY13-14**
                                       **$22,500/FY14-15**
                 **Exceeds $22,500/FY15-16**

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The DOE estimates that in FY12-13, there will be 150 kindergarten students tested. In FY13-14, 450 kindergarten students will be tested. In FY14-15, 900 kindergarten students will be tested. DOE has not estimated the number of kindergarten students that will need to be tested in FY15-16; however, the number of students is estimated to exceed 900.
- The cost per test is estimated by DOE to be $25.
- In FY12-13, the increase in state expenditures for testing will be $3,750 ($25 x 150).
- In FY13-14, the increase in state expenditures for testing will be $11,250 ($25 x 450).
- In FY14-15, the increase in state expenditures for testing will be $22,500 ($25 x 900).

- In FY15-16, the increase in state expenditures will exceed $22,500 since it is assumed that the number of students that need to be tested will be greater than in FY14-15.

## CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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